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In re Application of:)
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Mayo TOYOTA et al.)
) Group Art Unit:
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) Examiner:
Filed: February 28, 2002)
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For: COMMUNITY-BASED)
COLLABORATIVE)
KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM, AND)
USER ACCESS LIMITING)
METHOD IN THAT SYSTEM)



**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-123033 discloses a way of finding out unknown information related to the classified information by user.

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2. Umeki et al.; "PLATFORM FOR COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE CREATION"; Toshiba Review, Vol. 56, No. 5, pages 14-18, May 2001 discloses a new knowledge management model for extracting knowledge from communication and stimulating communication by sharing knowledge.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Hideo UMEKI et al.; "PLATFORM FOR COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE CREATION"; Toshiba Review, Vol. 56, No. 5, pages 14-18, May 2001

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